

Response under 37 CFR 1.116 Group AU 2144 Expedited Procedure

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants

Yasumasa MIZUSHIMA et al.

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AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL UNDER 37 CFR 1.116

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Official Action of September 8, 2005, Applicants respectfully request that the above-identified application be amended as follows.

Amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing of

claims that begins on page 3 of this Amendment.

The Remarks portion begins on page 17 of this Amendment.